

REMARKS

By the *Office Action* of 29 July 2004, Claims 1-9 and 66-72 are pending in the Application, Claims 5-9 being allowed, Claims 1-3, 66, and 70-72 rejected, and Claims 4 and 67-72 objected to. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 5-9 and the suggested amendments to place Claims 4 and 67-72 in allowable form.

By the present *Response and Amendment*, Applicant cancels Claims 1-3 and amends Claims 4 and 66-72.

No new matter is believed introduced by the present *Response and Amendment*. It is respectfully submitted that the present Application is in condition for allowance for the following reasons.

1. Docket Number and Change in Correspondence Address

Applicant respectfully requests the docket number of this Application be changed from 81607-1140 to STAT1140. The prosecution of this Application has been transferred to a new law firm, and its docketing procedures require this new docket number. A *Revocation and Appointment of Power of Attorney* to the present firm, and a *Change of Correspondence Address* will soon be filed in the USPTO to reflect that the new law firm is now prosecuting this Application.

2. Status of the Pending Claims

Claims 1-3 are cancelled.

Claim 4 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base Claim. Applicant amends Claim 4 in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base Claim and any intervening Claims, and believes that amended Claim 4 is in allowable form.

Claims 5-9 are allowed.

Claims 10-65 are cancelled.

Claim 66 is amended to depend from Claim 4. Applicant believes that Claim 66 is in allowable form because it depends from allowable Claim 4.

Claims 67-72 are amended as kindly suggested by the Examiner, and now ultimately depend from what is believed an allowable Claim 66.

3. Fees

No Claims fees are believed due, as the total number of Claims, and independent Claims, are less than the number of Claims paid for during prosecution of this case.

Further, this *Response and Amendment* is being filed within three months of the *Office Action*. Thus, it is believed no extension of time fees are due.

Nonetheless, authorization to charge deposit account No. 20-1507 is given herein should fees be due.

CONCLUSION

By the present *Response and Amendment*, the Application has been in placed in full condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request early and favorable action. Should the Examiner have any further questions or reservations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned Attorney at 404.885.2773.

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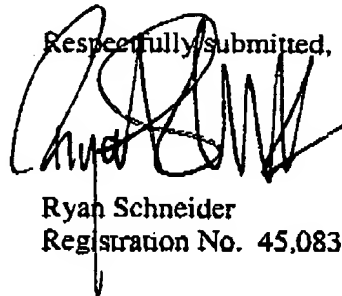
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